

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph [0024] and replace the following therefor:

[0024] In the exemplary embodiment, each base portion 64 is substantially cube-shaped and includes at least one opening 80 extending between an outer surface 81 of arm 14 to the base portion inner surface. In an alternative embodiment, only first arm 54 includes opening 80. More specifically, opening 80 is positioned with respect to base portion 64 such that as arm 14 is slidably coupled to body 12, opening 80 may be concentrically aligned with respect to a respective body opening 24. Opening 80 has a diameter 82 that is approximately equal to body opening diameter 30, and accordingly opening 80 is sized to receive a locking pin therethrough for coupling each arm 14 to body 12. In the exemplary embodiment, opening diameter 82 is approximately equal .5 inches.

Please delete paragraph [0031] and replace the following therefor:

[0031] In the exemplary embodiment, coupling base portion 134 is substantially cube-shaped and includes at least one opening 150 extending between an outer surface 151 of coupling 16 to the coupling base portion inner surface. More specifically, coupling opening 150 is positioned with respect to coupling base portion 134 such that as coupling 16 is slidably coupled to body 12, opening 150 may be concentrically aligned with respect to a respective body opening 24. Opening 150 has a diameter 152 that is approximately equal to body opening diameter 30, and accordingly opening 150 is sized to receive a locking pin therethrough for coupling each coupling 16 to body 12, such that coupling 16 is maintained in a relative position with respect to body 12. In the exemplary embodiment, opening diameter 152 is approximately equal .5 inches.

Please delete paragraph [0032] and replace the following therefor:

[0032] Coupling adjustment portion 132 extends from base portion 130. In the exemplary embodiment, coupling adjustment portion 132 is symmetrical about a centerline axis 190 extending from base portion 130 through adjustment portion 132. Adjustment

portion 132 includes an opening (not shown) extending therethrough and having a diameter 194. Diameter 194 (not shown) that is sized to receive coupling fastener 126 therethrough. The coupling opening is positioned such that when coupling 16 is attached to body 12, the coupling opening is aligned substantially concentrically with respect to arm gripping portion attachment bore 122. In the exemplary embodiment, coupling fastener 126 is threadingly coupled to the coupling opening and/or arm attachment bore 122. More specifically, coupling fastener 126 extends through a pair of nuts 196 threadingly coupled to fastener 126 on each side 136 and 138 of coupling adjustment portion 132 such that rotation of fastener 126 causes a corresponding axial movement of arm 56 either towards arm 54, or from arm 54, depending upon a rotational direction of fastener 126. In an alternative embodiment, tool 10 includes a pair of couplings 16 such that axial movement of each arm 14 is controlled by fasteners 126.

Please delete paragraph [0041] and replace the following therefor:

[0041] Figure 3 is a side view of an exemplary embodiment of an emergency extrication from a vehicle 300 using rescue tool 10, and a known ram device 302. Alternatively, rescue tool 10 may be used in performing extrications from non-vehicles including, but not limited to buildings, construction equipment, boats, aircraft, or military applications. Ram device 302 is hydraulically expandable and includes a first end 304, a second end 306, and a centerline axis 308 extending therebetween. Ends 304 and 306 are known as spreadable tip ends of ram device 302 and transmit an output force during operation of ram device 302. More specifically, ram device 302 is telescopically assembled and when structurally braced at one end, is expandable longitudinally in a direction substantially parallel a centerline axis 310 (not shown) of ram device 302. In one embodiment, ram device 302 is expandable through both ends 304 and 306. In another embodiment, ram device 302 is expandable through only one end 304 or 306.